

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In 2014 and 2015, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department conducted 52 601 and 54 533 trappings respectively. Please advise on the number of rodents trapped in each of the 18 districts, as well as the expenditure and manpower involved; and whether the Department has worked together with district councillors and legislative councillors to enhance the anti-rodent work.

Asked by: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

(a)

District	Number of rodents trapped	
	2014	2015
Central and Western	952	1 328
Eastern	937	1 049
Southern	175	289
Wan Chai	1 029	1 123
Islands	234	243
Kowloon City	1 562	1 365
Kwun Tong	168	267
Wong Tai Sin	245	305
Sham Shui Po	581	613

Mong Kok	1 809	1 846
Yau Tsim	508	458
Sha Tin	544	678
Tai Po	677	689
North	411	333
Kwai Tsing	202	260
Tsuen Wan	851	1 024
Tuen Mun	470	424
Yuen Long	460	483
Sai Kung	130	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 945</b>	<b>12 942</b>

- (b) The actual expenditure on rodent control work for 2014-15 was \$156.2 million. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$160.9 million. In 2014 and 2015, the number of staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors deployed for pest control services was about 2 310 and 2 400 respectively.
- (c) The Department has been organising anti-rodent campaigns on an annual basis. District councillors and legislative councillors were invited to participate in related events and publicity activities, and offer views to enhance the rodent control work in 2014 and 2015.

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